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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

REF: (A) DET 4 290630Z JAN 74 (NOTAL)

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FOLLOWING MSG RECVD NAIROBI 29 JAN 74 FROM DET 4 AFSCF MAHE
ISLAND SEYCHELLES AND REPEATED HERE FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L AFIOS/CC

SUBJECT: SYECHELLES POLITICAL DEVEOPMENTS: (U)

1. (C) ON FRIDAY 25 JAN 74 I MADE A CALL ON OCE CM TO INTRODUCE
MY NEWLY ARRIVED DEPUTY. AT THAT TIME THE CM CALLED MY
ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE U.S. WAS INITIATING A FOOD
AID GRANT TO MAURITIUS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE U.S.
WAS STATING THAT IT NO LONGER HAD ANY FOOD AVAILABLE TO
CONTINUE ITS PL-480 PROGRAM TO THE SEYCHELLES. THIS OF
COURSE HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED FROM YOUR OFFICE AND IS
NOTHING NEW. HOWEVER THE CM INFORMED ME THAT HE IS FLYING
OUT ON THE FIRST AIR FRANCE FLIGHT FROM SEYCHELLES TO PARIS
ON 3 FEB. FROM THERE HE INTENDS TO GO TO LONDON. THE CM
INFORMED ME THAT HE INTENDED TO PRESS THE FOOD ISSUE ONCE
AGAIN WHILE IN LONDON. HE ALSO STATED THAT WHILE HE IS
IN LONDON HE WILL MAKE HIS ULTIMATE DECISION AS TO

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WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL ASK THE GOVERNOR FOR AN ELECTION.

2. (FOUO). FROM ALL INDICATIONS IT APPEARS THAT THE CHIEF MINISTER WILL ASK THE GOVERNOR OF THE SEYCHELLES TO CALL FOR AN ELECTION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THE STRONGEST RUMORS INDICATE APRIL AS THE ELECTION MONTH.

3. (C) AT ONE POINT IN OUR CONVERSATION THE CM ASKED IF THE U.S. INTENDED TO KEEP THE TRACKING STATION IN THE SEYCHELLES FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. I REPLIED THAT AS FAR AS I WAS AWARE THERE WAS NO PLANS TO CLOSE OUT THE TRACKING STATION. HE MADE NO FURTHER COMMENTS AT ALL CONCERNING THE T.S.; HOWEVER I WAS LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE MIGHT USE MY REPLY AS A LEVER TO TRY TO GET THE FOOD PROGRAM REINSTATED. AS REPORTED BY MR LINDSTROM THE CM HAS THREATENED TO MAKE THE T.S. AN ELECTION ISSUVM I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WHETHER OR NOT HE CHOOSES TO DO SO WILL DEPEND UPON TY RESULTS HE HAS IN LONDON WITH REGARDS TO GETTING THE PL-480 PROGRAM REINSTATED.

4. (U). THIS CONVERSATION IS REPORTED TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND TO ALEGI THE EMBASSY IN LONDON OF THE CM PENDING TRIP TO THERE EARLY IN FEBRUARY.

5. (FOUO) IF ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD IN APRIL IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO PLAN YOUR VISIT TO SEYCHELLES IN FEB AS SOON AFTER THE CM RETURNS FROM LONDON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE ELECTION ISSUES ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND MADE PUBLIC. ALSO FOR YOUR INFORMATION I SHALL BE BACK IN THE STATES AT OUR COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH. MAJ MICHAUD
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